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Introducing AMERICA'S NEWEST AND MOST EXCITING CHARACTERS IN FOUR COMPLETE AND THRILLING EPISODES!

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JUST ONCE IN EVERY SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS THERE APPEARS ON EARTH A MAN AND A WOMAN, WHOSE CHARACTERISTICS ARE SO OUTSTANDING, SO VIRILE, SO BEYOND OUR CONCEPTION THAT THEY ACTUALLY STAGGER OUR IMAGINATIONS!

FIRST, THERE IS ***MOON GIRL***—A WOMAN OF SENSATIONAL STRENGTH, SUPERHUMAN SPEED AND ENDURANCE AND SURPASSING LOVELINESS. HER MAGIC MOONSTONE GIVES HER THE POWER OF TEN ORDINARY MEN AND GUARDS HER AGAINST ALL HARM.

THEN THERE IS ***PRINCE MENKU*** ONE OF THE GREATEST ATHLETES OF ALL TIME---A TRUE SON OF HERCULES. NO LIVING MAN OR WOMAN CAN MATCH THE PRINCE'S SUPERLATIVE STRENGTH—EXCEPT ***MOON GIRL***. TO HER ALONE ***PRINCE MENKU*** MUST CONCEDE MASTERY (WHEN OF COURSE, SHE USES THE POWER OF HER MAGIC MOONSTONE)

THE LAST APPEARANCE OF SUCH AN OUTSTANDING MAN AND WOMAN WAS DESCRIBED BY MARCO POLO IN HIS ADVENTURES WRITTEN SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO. NOW IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY--IN 1947, IN FACT, SUCH A MAN AND WOMAN APPEAR AGAIN!

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES YOU WILL FIND THE AMAZING STORY OF...

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JUST BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THE STRANGE HISTORY OF *MOON GIRL* AND *THE PRINCE* HAD ITS ORIGIN, IN THE WILD MOUNTAINS OF SAMARKAND....

NIGHT AS WELL STOP TRYING! YOU CAN'T SHAKE ME LOOSE!

SHE IS TAMING HIM! I DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE COULD RIDE THAT WILD ANIMAL!

NO LIVING THING IS A MATCH FOR THE MOON GIRL!

AMONG THE MOON GIRL'S ADMIRERS IS THE HANDSOME PRINCE MENGU...

WHAT A WOMAN! I CAME A THOUSAND MILES TO FIND HER, AND SHE SHALL BE MY WIFE!

WELL DONE, PRINCESS MOON GIRL! HE IS TAME AS A KITTEN NOW...

TAKE HIM TO THE STABLES! I WILL BATHE BEFORE I DINE WITH MY MOTHER, THE QUEEN!

LATER...

THE QUEEN MOTHER WISHES TO SEE YOU IMMEDIATELY, MY PRINCESS! IT IS ABOUT A MOST IMPORTANT MATTER...

WHAT CAN BE THIS URGENT? I'M TO DINE WITH HER IN AN HOUR, ANYWAY!

THE PRINCESS OF THE MOON FINDS THE QUEEN MOTHER IMPATIENTLY WAITING IN HER CHAMBERS...

YOU SEE THAT MAN, DAUGHTER? HE IS PRINCE MENGU! AND HE HAS COME TO ASK FOR YOUR HAND IN MARRIAGE!

MARRIAGE? ...OH, NO!

I DO NOT KNOW THIS MAN! I CANNOT LOVE HIM...AND HE SHALL NOT BE MY HUSBAND!

THERE IS A TRADITION IN OUR PART OF SAMARKAND, A TRADITION CARRIED DOWN FROM BEFORE THE DAYS OF MARCO POLO — A TRADITION THAT MUST BE SATISFIED BEFORE THE CEREMONY CAN TAKE PLACE...

THEN THE QUEEN RELATED THIS STRANGE TALE.....

MANY, MANY YEARS AGO IN THE REIGN OF KING KAIDU, DURING THE 13TH CENTURY, THE CUSTOM BEGAN. KING KAIDU HAD A DAUGHTER, THE VERY FIRST

PRINCESS OF THE MOON, AND SHE WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL. SHE WAS SO STRONG AND BRAVE THAT IN ALL HER FATHER'S REALM NO MAN COULD OUTDO HER IN FEATS OF STRENGTH. WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR HER TO MARRY, SHE DID NOT WISH TO BE WED TO A MAN WEAKER THAN HERSELF.

SHE REALLY DESIRED A MAN WHOM SHE COULD ADMIRE, WHOSE STRENGTH AND WISDOM WERE GREATER THAN HER OWN.

SO SHE ARRANGED FOR HER FATHER, KING KAIDU, TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION. SHE CHALLENGED ANY MAN TO THROW HER IN THE WRESTLING RING, AND TO THE VICTOR, SHE WOULD GIVE HERSELF IN MARRIAGE. THIS PROCLAMATION WAS NO SOONER MADE THAN MANY CAME FROM ALL PARTS TO TRY THEIR FORTUNE. BUT ALL WERE DOOMED TO FAILURE. FOR THE DAUGHTER OF KING KAIDU WAS AS STRONG AS SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL, AND NO MAN WAS HER EQUAL.

AT LAST THERE CAME A MAN, SO PRINCELY IN HIS BEARING, AS LITHE AS A PANTHER IN HIS STRIDE, THAT THE DAUGHTER OF KING KAIDU WAS SMITTEN WITH HIM. THE YOUNG MAN WAS A MOST AGREEABLE CHOICE IN THE EYES OF KING KAIDU ALSO, FOR HE WAS OF ROYAL BLOOD, AND OWNED MANY HORSES AND OTHER FORMS OF WEALTH.

THE YOUNG MAN LOVED THE DAUGHTER OF KING KAIDU WITH HIS WHOLE HEART. WHEN THEY WALKED TOGETHER IN THE GARDEN, SHE KNEW THAT SHE LOVED HIM ALSO.

BUT HER PRIDE WOULD NOT PERMIT HER TO YIELD TO A MAN LESS STRONG THAN HERSELF. IN SECRET THOUGH, SHE YEARNED FOR A MOMENT OF SENSIBLE WEAKNESS, SO THAT HE MIGHT OVERCOME HER. IN THE COMBAT [redacted] STRONGER THAN ANY MAN SHE EVER MET BEFORE. YET, AFTER A DESPERATE STRUGGLE, SHE THREW HIM. AND THE YOUNG MAN, BITTER WITH DESPAIR, RODE AWAY. AND THE DAUGHTER OF KING KAIDU WAS LONELY AND SAD!

SOON AFTERWARD, KING KAIDU WAS INVOLVED IN A SERIES OF DESPERATE BATTLES AGAINST NEIGHBORING CHIEFS. WHEN HE RODE INTO BATTLE, HIS DAUGHTER RODE BESIDE HIM, AND IN BATTLE SHE DISTINGUISHED HERSELF MORE THAN ANY OTHER WARRIOR. IN ONE OF THESE BATTLES SHE SLEW THE EVIL WIZARD KA-ZHAN, AND FROM HIM SHE TOOK THE MAGIC MOONSTONE. IT WAS A TALISMAN THAT MADE HER INVINCIBLE TO HARM. FROM THE DAY SHE WORE THE MOONSTONE HER STRENGTH SEEMED TO MULTIPLY UNTIL, IT WAS SAID, SHE COULD DEFEAT AN ENTIRE ARMY, SINGLEHANDED. BUT SHE WAS UNHAPPY.

MARCO POLO RECORDS THE REST OF THE STORY, MY DAUGHTER. ONE DAY, IN THE FIELD OF BATTLE, THE DAUGHTER OF KING KAIDU ESPIED A FAMILIAR FIGURE ON HORSEBACK, IN THE MIDST OF THE ENEMY TROOPS. DASHING FORWARD ON THE FULL GALLOP, SHE SNATCHED HIM FROM HIS HORSE, AND BROUGHT HIM BACK WITH HER TO HER OWN PEOPLE. SO THE DAUGHTER OF KING KAIDU FOUND HER TRUE LOVE. ONE MAY SUPPOSE SHE ALSO FOUND HAPPINESS. "BUT WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH *ME*?" ASKED THE PRINCESS OF THE MOON.

YOU ARE THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE DAUGHTER OF KING KAIDU! IT IS DECREED THAT THE MAN WHO TAKES YOU FOR HIS WIFE MUST FIRST PROVE HIS SUPERIOR STRENGTH!
NO MAN CAN DO THAT!

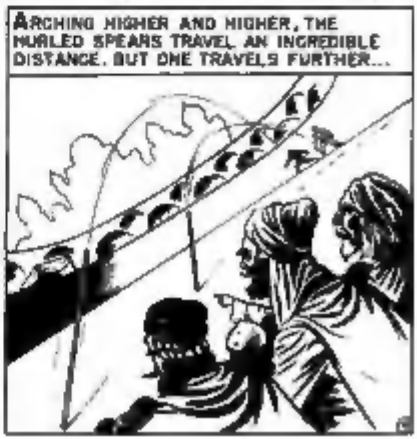
...THEY SAY THIS PRINCE OF MENGU IS A TRUE SON OF HERCULES! HE HAS UNBELIEVABLE STRENGTH! BUT HE CANNOT DEFEAT YOU IF YOU WEAR THE MAGIC MOONSTONE....
YOU'RE GIVING IT TO ME?

LET NO ONE KNOW ITS POWER! ONCE YOU WEAR THE MOONSTONE, NO MAN WILL BE YOUR MASTER! BUT IT MAY BRING YOU MUCH UNHAPPINESS!
I CHOOSE TO WEAR IT! OH, IT'S MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I EVER DREAMED..!

SO A CONTEST OF STRENGTH WITH PRINCE MENGU IS ARRANGED AND A PRINCESS OF THE MOON AGAIN CONFRONTS A HANDSOME SUITOR FOR HER HAND...
I'VE COME A LONG DISTANCE TO SEE YOU! YOU WILL RETURN WITH ME AS MY WIFE!
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMMAND ME IN ANYTHING! THAT RIGHT YOU MUST EARN IN A FAIR CONTEST...

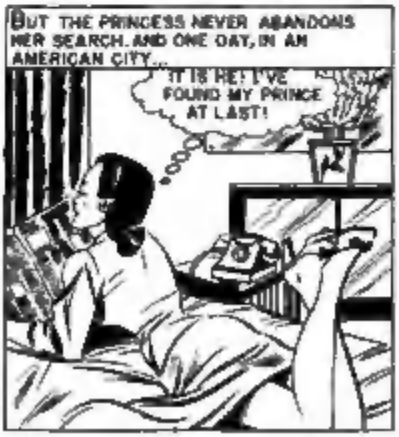
I SHALL DEFEAT YOU! FOR IT IS TRUE THAT I AM OF THE BLOOD OF HERCULES! BUT EVEN IF I WERE NOT, LOVE WOULD MAKE ME YOUR MASTER!
LET YOUR DEEDS SPEAK!

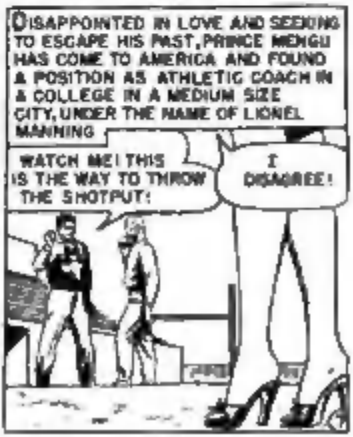
THROW!


ARCHING HIGHER AND HIGHER, THE HURLED SPEARS TRAVEL AN INCREDIBLE DISTANCE. BUT ONE TRAVELS FURTHER...

YOU WIN! I DID NOT EXPECT SUCH STRENGTH IN ONE SO BEAUTIFUL! BUT THERE ARE OTHER CONTESTS...
HE IS HANDSOME --AND CONFIDENT! IT IS ALMOST A SHAME HE MUST LOSE!
AS THE DAY WANES, THE TESTS OF STRENGTH AND AGILITY GO ON. ONE RECORD AFTER ANOTHER IS BROKEN AS THE HANDSOME PRINCE TESTS HIS FAIR OPPONENT'S SKILL TO THE UTMOST. AND THEN THE TIME FOR THE FINAL TEST IS AT HAND....
THIS SHALL DECIDE! YOU SHALL WRESTLE TO A FALL, AND WHOEVER PROVES STRONGER SHALL BE DECLARED THE VICTOR! IS IT AGREED?
YES!
YES!
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME MOON GIRL KNOWS DOUBT, AS AN ENCOUNTER REVEALS THE TREMENDOUS POWER OF HER ANTAGONIST...
HIS ARMS ARE LIKE STEEL! IS IT POSSIBLE I CAN DEFEAT HIM?
THE PRINCE SECURES THE FIRST HOLD. QUICKLY HE FORCES THE PRINCESS OF THE MOON TO HER KNEES...
AND AS QUICKLY SHE FREES HERSELF!
EVERY TRICK IN HIS REPERTOIRE THE PRINCE TRIES TWICE, YET HIS BEAUTIFUL OPPONENT STANDS LIKE A ROCK OF GRANITE. AND FINALLY A POWERFUL MANEUVER PINS HIM SECURELY TO THE GROUND...
I'VE WON!

FAR AND WIDE THE PRINCESS OF THE MOON SEARCHES FOR HER BELOVED PRINCE. BUT HE IS NOT TO BE FOUND IN SAMARKAND, NOR IN HIS OWN KINGDOM OF MENGU. MEN SAID THAT DISAPPOINTED IN LOVE, THE YOUNG PRINCE HAD FLED FOREVER THE SCENES OF HIS DEFEAT...





A GIRL! WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT SHOT-PUTTING?
HE DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MATCH YOURSELF AGAINST ME?

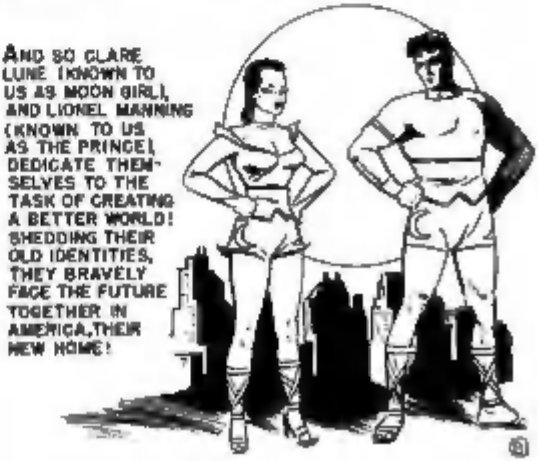
THIS IS SILLY! YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO THROW IT TEN FEET!
DON'T BE TOO SURE!

AS ONCE BEFORE SPEARS CLEFT THE AIR, SO NOW SHOTPUTS MARK A TEST OF STRENGTH...

YOU-YOU BEAT ME! ONLY ONE PERSON IN THE WORLD COULD EQUAL THAT THROW! WHY, YOU MUST BE--
THERE MUST BE A PLACE WHERE WE CAN TALK QUIETLY!

LATER...IN A QUIET RESTAURANT...
PRINCESS OF THE MOON! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I WAS SEARCHING FOR YOU! THIS IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SAY, BUT I'M NOT SURE I REALLY WON WHAT I DESIRED IN OUR CONTEST... WILL YOU COME BACK TO SAMARKAND WITH ME?

IT IS TOO LATE! I LOVE THIS COUNTRY! I INTEND TO STAY HERE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE, USING MY STRENGTH ONLY TO FIGHT EVIL...
I WAS HOPING YOU'D SAY THAT-FOR I LOVE MY NEW ADOPTED COUNTRY TOO-AND I'M SURE WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH MORE NOW THAT WE CAN COMBINE FORCES!


AND SO CLARE LUNE (KNOWN TO US AS MOON GIRL), AND LIONEL MANNING (KNOWN TO US AS THE PRINCE), DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE TASK OF CREATING A BETTER WORLD! SHEDDING THEIR OLD IDENTITIES, THEY BRAVELY FACE THE FUTURE TOGETHER IN AMERICA, THEIR NEW HOME!

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SECOND PLANET FROM THE SUN, VENUS LIES SHROUDED IN UNBROKEN MASSES OF CLOUD THAT SHIELD THE SURFACE FROM EARTHLY OBSERVERS....

BUT LIFE EXISTS ON VENUS. LIFE OF A STRANGELY SUPERIOR ORDER...

THE ROCKET SHIP IS READY, O QUEEN! I AWAIT YOUR FINAL ORDERS.

YOU KNOW THE PURPOSE OF THIS VOYAGE AS WELL AS I DO, ERICA! BUT LET ME REPEAT IT ONCE MORE. FOR YOUR MISSION IS AN *URGENT* ONE!

HERE ON VENUS, WOMEN RULE! OUR MEN HAVE BECOME PUNY WEAKLINGS, SCARCELY WORTHY OF US! THE POOR HELPLESS CREATURES DEPEND ON US FOR THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE....

EVEN SO, THEY ARE DYING OFF RAPIDLY! SOON THERE WILL BE NO MEN LEFT ALIVE ON VENUS! WHEN THAT DAY COMES, WE TOO SHALL BE CONDEMNED TO PERISH!

THAT MUST NEVER HAPPEN, O, QUEEN!

THAT IS WHY I AM SENDING YOU TO THE PLANET EARTH! IN THAT PRIMITIVE SOCIETY, MEN STILL RULE! THEY ARE WITLESS CREATURES, NO DOUBT! BUT THEY WILL BE STRONG AND STURDY....

CAPTURE SEVERAL OF THESE MEN! BRING THEM BACK TO VENUS! THEY SHALL BECOME ANCESTORS OF A NEW AND BETTER BREED OF MEN...

DEPEND ON ME, O QUEEN! I WILL NOT FAIL!

SO THE INVASION FROM VENUS BEGINS! OUT OF THE CLOUD MASS HURTLES A ROCKET PROJECTILE, ON ITS EPOCHAL JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE....

HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE WE LAND?
IN A FEW MINUTES, ERICA! I FINISHED CALCULATING OUR SPEED RELATIVE TO THE ROTATION OF THE EARTH UPON ITS AXIS...

...WE SHALL UNDOUBTEDLY LAND HERE!
RUNLEY

AT THIS MOMENT, NEAR THE SPOT WHERE THE VENUSIAN SPACE SHIP IS DESTINED TO LAND, A GAME BETWEEN THE PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS OF STATE COLLEGE IS UNDER WAY...
WHAT A SOCK!

ANOTHER HOME RUN FOR LIONEL MANNING!
THAT COACH IS THE GREATEST ATHLETE I'VE EVER SEEN!

AS LIONEL MANNING (ALIAS THE PRINCE) CROSSES HOME PLATE...
I'M GETTING WORRIED, COACH!
WHY, WHAT'S WRONG?

THAT BUS, CARRYING FORTY PROFESSORS FROM WAYNE COLLEGE, HASN'T SHOWN UP! IT'S OVER AN HOUR LATE! SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG!
HMM... THOSE MEN WOULDN'T WANT TO MISS THE BALL GAME!

THE BUS MAY HAVE BROKEN DOWN! I'D BETTER CHECK UP ON IT! TAKE OVER FOR THE REST OF THE GAME...AND EXPLAIN TO MISS LUNE! SHE'LL BE WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE LIBRARY IN AN HOUR!

SOON....
THERE'S THE SPECIAL BUS! DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYONE IN IT!

IT'S A SHAMBLES! SOME KIND OF BATTLE TOOK PLACE HERE!

TOO BAD MOON GIRL ISN'T AROUND! I'LL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS ALONE--AS THE PRINCE!

FOLLOWING A WELL-MARKED FOREST TRAIL, THE PRINCE EMERGES UPON A CLEARING...
THE MISSING MEN! THEY'VE BEEN TAKEN PRISONER!
GO BACK! QUICKLY!

TOO LATE!
ANOTHER MAN! SEIZE HIM!

SORRY LADIES! I DON'T INTEND TO HURT YOU....

BUT I DON'T INTEND TO BE CAPTURED EITHER!
DON'T MOVE! OR I WILL BE FORCED TO USE MY RAY-GUN..

I'M AFRAID YOUR RAY GUN WON'T BE OF MUCH HELP TO YOU!
HOW UNLIKE THE MEN OF MY PLANET HE IS! SO STRONG, AND HANDSOME! SO CONFIDENT OF HIS OWN POWER....

GIVE THAT GUN TO ME!
I WARNED YOU!

AS THE QUEER GREEN LIGHT STRIKES THE PRINCE, HE REMAINS FROZEN IN MID-STRIDE...
I CAN'T MOVE!

APPARENTLY EVEN A TRUE SON OF HERCULES CANNOT RESIST THE GREEN RAY! YOUR MUSCLES WILL BE PARALYZED FOR A TIME! BUT YOU WILL RECOVER!

PUT OUR CAPTIVES ABOARD THE ROCKET SHIP! WE SHALL BEGIN THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY AT ONCE! THIS LATEST CAPTIVE IS A PRIZE FIT EVEN FOR THE QUEEN!
INDEED HE IS, ERICA!

MEANWHILE, CLARE LUNE (ALIAS MOON GIRL) WAITS IMPATIENTLY NEAR THE COLLEGE LIBRARY...
LIONEL PROMISED TO MEET ME HERE! HE'S HALF AN HOUR LATE ALREADY!
MISS LUNE...

COACH MANNING ASKED ME TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'D BE LATE! HE LEFT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BUS FROM WAYNE COLLEGE! THE BUS NEVER *DID* SHOW UP AT THE GAME!
WHEN DID LIO--ER— COACH MANNING LEAVE?

ABOUT TWO HOURS AGO! I THOUGHT HE'D BE BACK BY NOW!
I SEE! THANKS VERY MUCH!

MOMENTS LATER IN THE SCHOOL LOCKER ROOM....
LIONEL SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACK! THERE'S ONLY ONE EXPLANATION! HE'S IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE...

A TOUCH ON THE MAGIC MOONSTONE AND MOON GIRL IS ENDOWED WITH MIRACULOUS SPEED!
.... AND IN THAT CASE, IT'S TIME *MOON GIRL* APPEARED ON THE SCENE!

AFTER A BRIEF SEARCH, *MOON GIRL* SPOTS THE CLEARING WHERE THE VENUSIAN ROCKET SHIP IS READY FOR THE TAKEOFF....
THE PRINCE! HE'S A PRISONER OF THOSE WOMEN!

TCH-TCH! SOME WOMEN WILL DO *ANYTHING* TO GET A MAN!
UGHHH!

A MERE EARTH-WOMAN! I WILL DISPOSE OF HER!

I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED!

THESE EARTH-WOMEN ARE NOT SO INFERIOR AS I IMAGINED! THE GREEN RAY WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU....
YOU'LL FIND I'M NOT SO EASILY DISPOSED OF!

THE MAGIC POWER OF THE MOONSTONE PROTECTS MOON GIRL FROM THE PARALYZING GREEN RAY....
OHHHH!

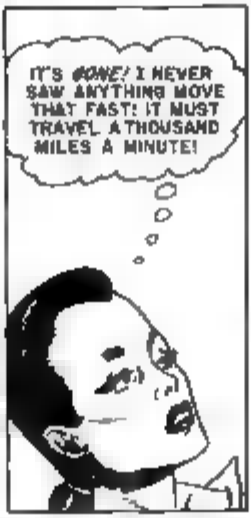
MY PRINCE! SPEAK TO ME! SAY YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
I CAN HEAR MOON GIRL SPEAKING TO ME! BUT I CAN'T ANSWER!

WHY SHOULD I STRUGGLE? I'LL NEVER GET A BETTER CHANCE TO BE HELD IN HER ARMS!

HURRY, ERICA! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE!
BUT OUR CAPTIVE...

WHAT IS ONE CAPTIVE MORE OR LESS? THAT EARTH GIRL IS A DEMON!
THEY'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE! YET WHY DO I FEEL THAT I *MUST* STAY?

THE ROCKET SHIP!
ROARRRR


IT'S *GONE!* I NEVER SAW ANYTHING MOVE THAT FAST! IT MUST TRAVEL A THOUSAND MILES A MINUTE!

MOON... ...GIRL...
HE'S RECOVERING! THANK HEAVENS! HE'S NOT DEAD, AFTER ALL!

EVERY PASSING SECOND SENDS STRENGTH SURGING BACK INTO THE PRINCE'S MIGHTY BODY...
I'M ALL RIGHT NOW! I CAN MOVE FREELY!
WHAT A TERRIBLE WEAPON THAT GREEN RAY MUST BE!
LUCKILY, I WAS PROTECTED BY THE MOONSTONE!

SUCH A WEAPON CANNOT BE OF THIS EARTH! I CAN'T HELP WONDERING WHERE OUR VISITORS CAME FROM!
YES—AND WHETHER WE'LL EVER MEET THEM AGAIN!

HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH'S IONOSPHERE, A STARTLING DECISION IS REACHED....

BUT, ERICA, THIS IS MADNESS!

YOU HEARD MY ORDERS! *TURN BACK!*

I WILL NOT LEAVE WITHOUT *HIM!* IN ALL THE HEAVENS, HE IS THE ONLY MAN I WANT!

BEFORE THE TELEPHOTO SCREEN, ERICA FOCUSES UPON MOON GIRL AND THE PRINCE...

MANY LONELY NIGHTS ON VENUS, I HAVE AMUSED MYSELF WATCHING THE EARTH PEOPLE THROUGH SUCH A SCREEN AS THIS... I LEARNED THEIR CUSTOMS, THEIR LANGUAGES..... LAUGHED AT THEIR STUPIDITIES!

NOT UNTIL THIS MOMENT HAVE I EVER KNOWN *JEALOUSY!* I HATE *HER* BECAUSE SHE IS WITH *HIM!*

SO! THEY HAVE *OTHER* IDENTITIES TOO! THIS SHOULD MAKE MY JOB EASIER!

MEANWHILE, UNAWARE THAT THEIR SECRET HAS BEEN DISCOVERED...

I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT THOSE POOR MEN WHO WERE KIDNAPPED IN THE ROCKET SHIP! WHAT STRANGE FATE AWAITS THEM?

WE'LL NEVER KNOW! THE TRUE STORY OF THEIR DISAPPEARANCE WON'T BE BELIEVED BY ANYONE!

LET'S TRY TO FORGET IT! AS I REMEMBER, WE HAD A DATE FOR THE SENIOR PROM...
I'M AFRAID NEITHER OF US WILL BE MUCH IN THE MOOD FOR GAIETY TONIGHT!
AT THE COLLEGE PROM, CLARE AND LIONEL ARE THE CENTER OF ALL EYES..
SIGH! ISN'T HE HANDSOME?
GOSH! SHE'S BEAUTIFUL!
WHILE OUTSIDE...
WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL, USE THE GREEN RAYS!
YES, ERICA!
SHH!
AN INSTANT AFTER THE GREEN RAYS TAKE EFFECT, THE BALLROOM BECOMES A STUDY IN ARRESTED MOTION....
THERE HE IS-- IN HER ARMS! HE SHALL NOT REMAIN THERE LONG!
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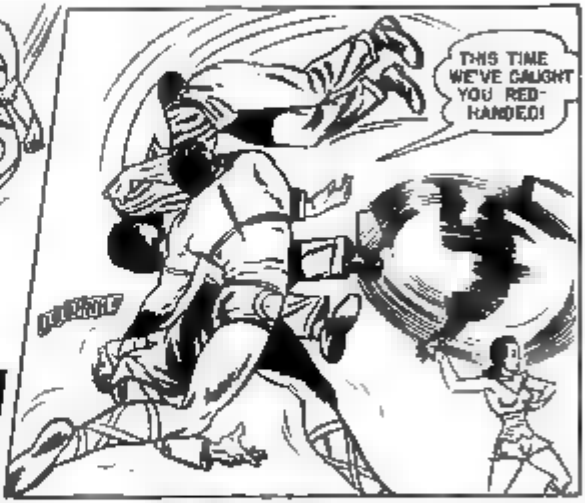
BUT AT THIS MOMENT CLARE LUNE'S HAND TOUCHES THE MOONSTONE ABOUT HER NECK...

PRINCE MENGU
and Moon Girl
VERSUS SATANA, QUEEN OF THE UNDERWORLD!

THE MOON LOOKS DOWN ON A SCENE FRAUGHT WITH DRAMA, AS *THE PRINCE* AND *MOON GIRL* STALK A GANG OF FUR THIEVES....

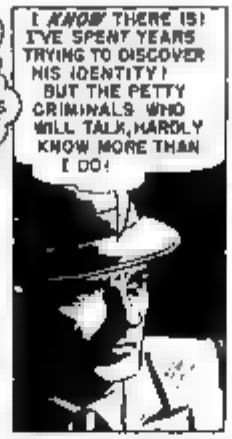
LET'S GO!

DON'T BOTHER TO START THINKING UP ALIBIS!
WHAT?


THIS TIME WE'VE CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED!

HAVE YOUR MAIL FORWARDED TO YOUR *NEW* ADDRESS AT THE STATE PRISON!
WHAMMM!

NICE WORK, PRINCE!
MY OLD FRIEND--DETECTIVE DAN RIVERS! WHAT BRINGS *YOU* HERE?



LUCK IS A COMMODITY EVEN THE PRINCE AND MOON GIRL MIGHT NEED, IF THEY EVER TANGLED WITH *SATANA*, QUEEN OF THE UNDERWORLD...

SO! THE PRINCE AND JOHNNY HAVE INTERFERED AGAIN! ONE DAY THEY WILL GO TOO FAR — AND RAYANA WILL HAVE HER VENGEANCE! BUT THAT DAY MUST WAIT UNTIL I FIND THE RIGHT MAN TO ASSIST ME!
MEANWHILE, DAN RIVERS APPEARS BEFORE THE POLICE COMMISSIONER . . .
IT'S AN UNUSUAL REQUEST, DAN! YOU WANT TO POSE AS A CRIMINAL IN ORDER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MYSTERIOUS UNDERWORLD BOSS!
THAT'S RIGHT, SIR!

I'M CONVINCED THE ONLY WAY TO DO IT IS FROM THE INSIDE OF THE BOSS' OWN ORGANIZATION!
YOU'RE TAKING A LONG CHANCE! BUT IF ANYONE IN THE WORLD CAN SUCCEED, YOU'RE THE MAN!

PERMISSION GRANTED: DON'T TAKE ANY UNNECESSARY RISKS! WE'D HATE TO LOSE YOU, DAN!
THANKS! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, SIR!

AND SO A NEW WAY OF LIFE BEGINS FOR DAN RIVERS. FOR WEEKS HE HAUNTS THE LAIRS OF THE UNDERWORLD . . .
WE BEEN NOTICIN' YOU, FELLA! HOW ARE YA FIXED FOR DOUGH?
NOT SO GOOD! THINGS ARE TOUGH IN MY RACKET! AND I'VE BEEN KEEPING UNDER-COVER!

I DON'T RATE SO GOOD WITH THE COPS JUST NOW!
THE BOSS NEEDS AN EXTRA HAND! THE GUY SLATED TO GO ALONG WITH US JUST GOT TAPPED BY THE COPS! LIKE TO TAKE HIS PLACE?

IT'S A DEAL! PROVIDED I GET A FAIR SHARE!
YOU'LL GET PAID! BUT IT AIN'T HEALTHY TO ASK TOO MANY QUESTIONS; THE BOSS WOULDN'T LIKE THAT!

THAT NIGHT, LIONEL MANNING (ALIAS *THE PRINCE*) RECEIVES A PHONE CALL FROM DAN RIVERS.

YOU SAY THE ACME DIAMOND CENTER WILL BE ROBBED TONIGHT? AND *YOU'LL* BE ONE OF THE GANG! ARE YOU JOKING, DAN?

I'M DEADLY SERIOUS! HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO, LIONEL! YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND OF *THE PRINCE!* CALL HIM AND BZZ BZZ-----

THE ACME DIAMOND CENTER. MIDNIGHT...

NOT A HITCH IN THIS JOB! WE PICKED UP FIFTY GRAND IN UNCUT DIAMONDS!

I WOULDN'T START GLOATING TOO SOON!

THE PRINCE!

UGHH!

YOUR TROUBLES ARE JUST STARTING!

HERE'S YOUR FINISH, PRINCE! RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES!

YOUR CONTROL MAY BE GOOD---

BUT YOU DON'T MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO STRIKE *ME* OUT!
GLUGHGH!

STEP RIGHT UP! YOU'RE NEXT!
I'VE HANDLED TOUGHER GUYS THAN YOU!

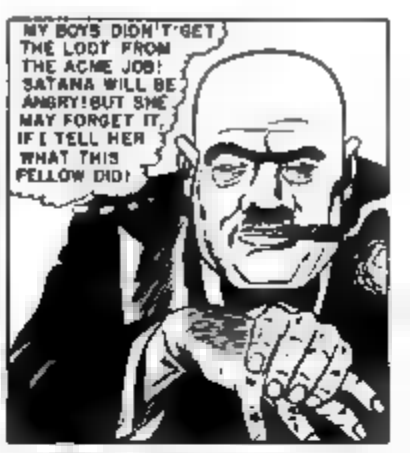
OHH!
YOU DON'T SCARE ME!

I'M SEEING THINGS! HE FLATTENED *THE PRINCE!*

IT MUSTA BEEN A MIRAGE! BUT I AIN'T STICKING AROUND TO FIND OUT!...*LET'S GO!*

HAS *THE PRINCE* REALLY BEEN BEATEN? WELL, LET'S SEE...
DAN RIVERS ASKED ME TO PRETEND I WAS KNOCKED OUT! I HOPE THE ACT FOOLED THOSE CROOKS! ANYWAY, THEY DIDN'T GET AWAY WITH THE LOOT, SO THERE'S NO HARM DONE....

LATER, DAN RIVERS IS TAKEN BEFORE A GANG CHIEF...
HONEST, BOSS, WITH MY OWN EYES I SAW HIM KAYO THE PRINCE! I FIGURED HE'S A GUY YOU CAN USE!
IS HE THE REAL BOSS? HAVE I FOUND HIM AT LAST?


MY BOYS DIDN'T GET THE LOOT FROM THE ACME JOB! SATANA WILL BE ANGRY! BUT SHE MAY FORGET IT, IF I TELL HER WHAT THIS FELLOW DID!

COME ALONG WITH ME! THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET!
WHO'S THAT?

NEVER MIND THE QUESTIONS! JUST DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD! IT'S HEALTHIER THAT WAY!
YOU'RE THE BOSS!
BUT IS HE?

THROUGH A SECRET CONNECTING TUNNEL, THE GANG CHIEFTAIN LEADS THE WAY TO SATANA'S LAIR...
I KNOW YOU WANT TO GET RID OF THE PRINCE! WELL, HERE IS THE MAN WHO CAN DO IT!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SO?

THE STORY IS SOON TOLD, AND THEN DAN RIVERS IS SUBJECTED TO THE RAKING SCRUTINY OF SATANA'S COLD EYES...
YOU HAVE PERFORMED AN ASTOUNDING FEAT... ONE THAT EVEN SURPRISES SATANA!
SHE'S THE BOSS! I KNOW IT NOW! THE SECRET LEADER OF GANGLAND IS A... WOMAN!

I REWARD MY FOLLOWERS WELL! YOU SHALL BECOME MY SECOND-IN-COMMAND···AFTER YOU DESTROY *THE PRINCE*!
YOU CAN RELY ON ME, *SATANA*! WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS!

LATER...
YOU UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY WHAT TO BE DONE?
SURE, *SATANA*! WE STAGE A ROBBERY TO DRAW *THE PRINCE* INTO A TRAP! THEN I BUMP HIM OFF....

I WILL ARRANGE THE DETAILS! EVERYTHING MUST WORK PERFECTLY!
THE PRINCE IS AS GOOD AS DEAD! LEAVE IT TO ME!

WHAT DID I TELL YOU, *SATANA*? HE'S THE MAN YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR!
I DON'T TRUST HIM!

I SLIPPED A SMALL, PORTABLE TRANSMITTER INTO HIS COAT POCKET! IT IS MY OWN INVENTION! I CAN LISTEN TO ANYTHING HE SAYS WITH THIS RECEIVER...
HE LOOKED OKAY TO ME!

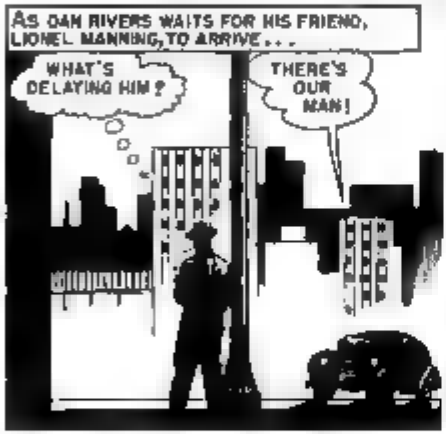
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK HE.....
SILENCE! LISTEN! HE'S DIALING A TELEPHONE!
CLICK-CLICK
CLICK-CLICK

HELLO, LIONEL! I CONTACTED THE REAL BOSS! SHE'S A WOMAN NAMED SATANA—

UNAWARE THAT HIS EVERY WORD IS OVERHEARD, DAN RIVERS POURS OUT THE ENTIRE STORY...
...THEN I'M SUPPOSED TO BUMP OFF THE PRINCE! SATANA'S GOING TO BE SURPRISED, WHEN WE CAPTURE HER INSTEAD!

HE IS A SPY! HE MUST BE DESTROYED BEFORE HE REVEALS ANY MORE OF OUR SECRETS!
Y-YES, SATANA!

TAKE THIS! YOU CAN FIND HIM EASILY BY CENTERING THE LOCATION OF HIS VOICE ON THE BUILT-IN TRAINGULATOR...
HE WON'T GET AWAY, SATANA! I'LL FIX THAT DOUBLE-CROSSING RAT!


AS DAN RIVERS WAITS FOR HIS FRIEND, LIONEL MANNING, TO ARRIVE...
WHAT'S DELAYING HIM?
THERE'S OUR MAN!

LET HIM HAVE IT!
RAT-TAT-TAT RAT-TAT-TAT
WOW!

AT THIS MOMENT LIONEL AND CLARE LUNE (ALIAS MOON GIRL) ARE APPROACHING...
LOOK! THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL DAN RIVERS!
TIME FOR US TO GO INTO ACTION!

A TOUCH OF THE MAGIC MOONSTONE, AND MOON GIRL SPEEDS INTO BATTLE BESIDE THE PRINCE!
I HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!

WHAT HAPPENED? WE SUDDENLY STOPPED SHORT!!

READY, *MOON GIRL*?

WHENEVER YOU ARE!

EEE-YOW!!!

THERE'S STILL A LITTLE FIGHT LEFT IN *THIS* ONE!

I'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO DAN RIVERS!

UGHH!

YOU'RE WOUNDED!

JUST MY SHOULDER! LOOKS LIKE *SATANA* DIDN'T FALL FOR MY ACT, AFTER ALL! BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHERE TO FIND HER...

SWIFTLY *THE PRINCE* AND *MOON GIRL* RACE TO *SATANA'S* CONCEALED HEADQUARTERS...

SHE'S *GONE!*

MUST HAVE LEFT IN A HURRY!

SUDDENLY!

I SHALL RETURN! YOU WIN THIS ROUND! BUT YOU HAVE NOT HEARD THE LAST OF... *SATANA!*

THAT VOICE! IT SEEMS TO COME FROM THE WALLS!

I'VE A FEELING SHE'S RIGHT! SATANA *WILL* RETURN...

SHE'S A CLEVER WOMAN! I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THAT MEETING! NEXT TIME SHE WON'T BE SO LUCKY!

MOON GIRL

THIS STORY BEGINS ONE AFTERNOON WITH THE ARCING FLIGHT OF A DEPTH-BOMB CATAPULTED FROM A POWERFUL MOTORBOAT...AND THE GURGLING SPLASH THE *TNT-CAN* MAKES AS IT HITS THE WATER! IT BEGINS WITH ATTEMPTED MASS-MURDER AT...

SMUGGLER'S COVE!

SOON

ELLA MAE NEEDS MORE THAN COMFORTING WORDS! PERHAPS I CAN HELP—AS MOON GIRL!—I'LL VISIT NAVAL HEADQUARTERS FIRST!

A TOUCH OF THE MAGIC MOONSTONE, AND MOON GIRL IS ENDOWED WITH MIRACULOUS POWERS

HELLO, ADMIRAL ROBERTS! I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SUBMARINE "EXCELSIOR"!

I WISH I KNEW, MOON GIRL! COMMANDER TUCKER WAS ORDERED TO RECONNOITER A CHAIN OF LITTLE KNOWN ISLANDS. WE BELIEVE A HIGHLY ORGANIZED SABOTAGE RING MAY BE USING ONE OF THE ISLANDS AS A BASE!

THAT WAS THE SPOT FROM WHICH WE RECEIVED COMMANDER TUCKER'S LAST RADIO MESSAGE! THAT WAS THIRTY SIX HOURS AGO.

ISN'T THERE ANY HOPE?

ALL SHIPS IN THE AREA ARE PROCEEDING TO THE RESCUE—BUT THE EXCELSIOR'S RESERVE OXYGEN TANKS CAN'T HOLD OUT THAT LONG!

I CAN GET THERE BEFORE THE RESCUE SHIPS! IF THERE'S ANY CHANCE TO SAVE THOSE MEN, I'LL TAKE IT!

AND SO FAR OUT OVER THE OCEAN, MOON GIRL SPEEDS ON HER ERRAND OF MERCY!

WHILE MANY FATHOMS BELOW THE SURFACE, MEN AWAIT INEVITABLE DEATH

OUR MOTOR'S STARTED UP AGAIN! BUT WE'RE DUG IN LIKE A BLASTED CLAM! OUR PROPELLER MUST BE FOULED!

AUX. LAMY OXYGEN TANKS ARE GETTING LOW! WE WON'T LAST ANOTHER HOUR!

WHO YOU WRITING TO, CAP'N? NOT THAT IT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE!

YEAH! THE FISHES AIN'T DELIVERING MAIL THIS SEASON!

I'M WRITING A FINAL LETTER TO MY DAUGHTER, ELLA MAE! EVEN IF SHE NEVER GETS IT, THERE ARE THINGS I MUST SAY

CAP'N, THERE'S A COUPLA LETTERS I COULD WRITE TO LANA TURNER!

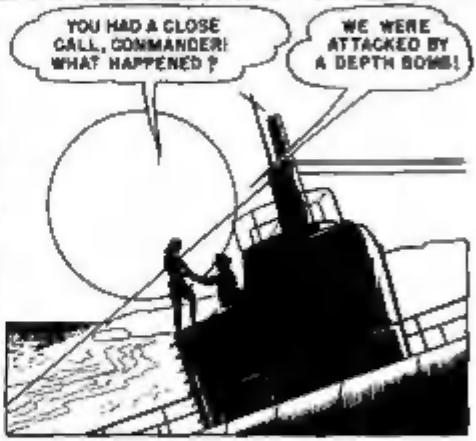
DEAR LANA ..WE NEVER DID GET TO SEE EACH OTHER! BUT I SAID 'HELLO' TO YOU IN MY DREAMS! AND WHEN YOUR SOFT LIPS MET MINE, AND I HELD YOU IN MY ARMS....

CUT IT OUT! WE'VE GOT ONE MORE SIGNAL FLARE LEFT! WE'LL SHOOT IT UP THROUGH THE TORPEDO TUBES...
IT'S AS GOOD A WAY TO WASTE TIME AS ANY I KNOW!
IN A TRANSPARENT WATERPROOF SHIELD THE SIGNAL FLARE SHOOTS TO THE SURFACE. HERE THE SPECIALLY TREATED COVERING DISSOLVES IN THE AIR, AND THE FLARE BURNS BRIGHTLY...
AT THAT MOMENT...
A SIGNAL FLARE! IT MUST MARK THE SUB'S LOCATION!
ANYWAY, THERE'S ONE SURE METHOD OF FINDING OUT!
THE MAGIC POWER OF THE MOONSTONE ENABLES MOON GIRL TO HOLD HER BREATH UNDERWATER FOR MANY MINUTES!
I'LL TAP A MESSAGE ON THE HULL, AND SEE IF ANYONE'S STILL ALIVE INSIDE!
IT'S SOME KIND OF SIGNAL! I'LL TAP OUT AN ANSWER!
MOMENTS LATER, A MESSAGE IS COMPLETED...
IT'S MOON GIRL! SHE'S FOUND US!
THANK GOD! WE'RE SAVED!
DON'T BE SO SURE! WE'RE THIRTY FATHOMS DEEP! EVEN MOON GIRL CAN'T BAIL US OUT OF HERE... WITH OUR PROPELLERS FOULED!
THAT'S RIGHT!

I'LL NEED ALL MY POWER! IF I CAN SNAP THIS CABLE WHICH IS FOULING THE PROPELLERS—AH! THAT DID IT!
SNAP

HERE WE GO!
IT'S A MIRACLE! MOON GIRL CLEARED OUR PROPELLER! WE'RE REALLY MOVING!

THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT TO BEACH THE SUB FOR WHATEVER REPAIRS ARE NEEDED! BUT FIRST I'LL GET THE CREW OUT:...


YOU HAD A CLOSE CALL, COMMANDER! WHAT HAPPENED?
WE WERE ATTACKED BY A DEPTH BOMB!

I THINK THE SMUGGLERS WE WERE TRAILING LEARNED SOMEHOW THAT WE WERE GETTING CLOSE TO THEIR HIDEOUT...
WHAT A GIRL! SHE'S GOT IT ALL OVER LANA TURNER!

THIS MAY BE THE SMUGGLERS' BASE! I BELIEVE YOU ARE RIGHT!

IN FACT, I KNOW YOU ARE! LOOK OUT!
BANG
BANG

MOON GIRL SAVED MY LIFE! THE SMUGGLERS ARE ATTACKING!— TAKE COVER!

THIS ISN'T MOCK WARFARE! PLENTY OF MEN ARE GOING TO GET HURT! UNLESS I CAN PREVENT IT...

I'LL NEED A LITTLE HELP FROM THE SUBMARINE, EXCELSIOR!

EEEOOWW! LOOK!
THE SUB! IT'S COMING UP ON THE BEACH AFTER US!

RUN!

DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY!

I CAN PRACTICALLY GUARANTEE YOU'RE *NOT* GOING ANYWHERE!

JUST LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH!
ENOUGH! WE SURRENDER!

LATER, WHEN THE GANG OF SMUGGLERS HAS BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE...
THERE'S THE HIDEOUT! ENOUGH CONTRABAND STORED HERE TO FILL A DOZEN WAREHOUSES!

BUT IT'LL NEVER GET INTO OUR COUNTRY NOW! THANKS TO YOU, *MOON GIRL!*
I ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT, COMMANDER! AND... UH, GIVE MY REGARDS TO YOUR DAUGHTER TOO, WILL YOU?

SAY... I WONDER HOW *MOON GIRL* KNOWS I HAVE A DAUGHTER?
THAT GAL KNOWS EVERYTHING! BOY... WHAT I'D GIVE TO COME HOME TO A WIFE LIKE *HER!*

NEXT DAY, IN THE RAWLEY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL....
...AND MY FATHER SAYS *MOON GIRL* IS ENTITLED TO A BIG REWARD! ONLY NOBODY KNOWS WHERE TO FIND HER!
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF REWARDS, ELLA MAE!

I'VE *GOT* THE REWARD I WANT! JUST SEEING HAPPINESS SHINING AGAIN FROM THAT GIRL'S FACE!